

Saint Teresa Parish was established in 1926, the original school (with the church in the place of what is now the cafeteria) built in 1927, the convent in 1951, the current church building in 1952, the school addition in 1956, and the rectory in 1962. While many renovations and improvements have been made, we must remember that it is our responsibility to maintain and develop our campus—to build upon what the founding parishioners entrusted to us. To keep the campus inviting, safe, and beautiful, we all need to work together by utilizing our individual skills and time, and by sharing our treasure—our funds. Our sacrifices will strengthen the parish, which is a gift that we hand down to future generations!

Why this campaign now? We are coming toward the end of the Diocesan Joy of the Gospel Campaign and as parishioners are completing the payment of their diocesan pledges, this gives us the opportunity to directly help St. Teresa. The campaign that we began with the “silent” phase a year ago is the first campaign that St. Teresa has had exclusively for its own needs since the building of the original school and church!

Priorities

1. Financial Stability

- Do no borrow or incur debt
- Fundraise from all possible sources
- Apply for grants
- Be fiscally conservative: high quality repairs and updates for a responsible price
- Save and reuse our buildings when possible
- Utilize the skills and abilities of parishioners

2. Buildings and grounds should be...

- In good condition and up to code
- Free asbestos
- Accessible to all people
- Visually appealing and comfortable
- Conducive to worship, prayer, and learning
- Safe & Secure (cameras, locking doors, etc.)

3. Fundraising Approach

- Encourage generous giving by parishioners
- Approaching local businesses, alumni, and non-parishioner friends of St. Teresa
- Applying for grants and foundations

Fr. Hottovy would like your input to further develop our parish’s vision. Please feel free to submit questions, concerns, and ideas in writing to the parish office (rectory). Father and his team will consider your helpful input as our plans for the future develop.

We will continue communications and updates in the bulletin and on the parish website.

View the parish’s master plan and additional stewardship information on the Parish Life page.
stfchurch.org/parish-life

Phase I

\$880,000 raised | \$864,000 used | \$16,000 surplus

- Update school’s electric system
- Add VRF system (air conditioning & newer heating)
- Update school kitchen & cafeteria
- Repurpose former locker room into...
- Expand and update band room
- Update and improve music room

Phase II

\$1,060,000 estimated | \$112,000 pledged
\$948,000 still need to achieve our goal

- Renovation of the gym: replace asbestos floor tile, updating windows, improve deteriorating ceiling
- Converting Laura Ave rental property to rectory (this will make room for Phase III projects)
- Removal of boiler and its pipes and the boiler-related-asbestos in the school

Phase III

Costs to be determined

- Connect narthex (vestibule) and the original rectory and utilize its space for ground-level meeting rooms, handicapped accessible bathrooms, and storage, etc.
- Main-level Parish Hall
- Enhance the beauty of the church interior with murals, mosaics, and detailing

<p>2020 & beyond: Phase II</p>	<p>Extensive school gym renovation (including asbestos removal) Convert Rental Property (3501 Laura Avenue house) into a rectory Boiler and Pipes removal at school, and asbestos removal</p>
<p>2019</p>	<p>An unused locker room was changed to make room for an enlarged, improved band room. The music room was improved, and the remodel of the office is now complete</p> <p>Electricity was updated at school, VRF (variant refrigerant flow) system was installed—air conditioning!—and preparations are made to take boilers offline. Solar panels are added to offset the new cost associated with air conditioning.</p> <p>The school kitchen was renovated and updated, and the cafeteria was expanded and improved.</p>
<p>2018</p>	<p>“Silent” Phase of Continuing Our Tradition began—Fr. Hottovy and Sr. Anne Joelle sought donors to fund the HVAC (heating and air conditioning) project at school. (The work of Father and Sister saved the parish over \$50,000 in fundraising costs, and promotional materials were developed in-house, which also saved thousands of dollars.)</p> <p>Began fundraising for school kitchen renovation with successful participation to Give to Lincoln Day</p>
<p>2017</p>	<p>Relocation of school library and expansion of the office</p>
<p>2016</p>	<p>Extensive Interior Church Renovation (using Joy of the Gospel and donated funds)</p> <p>Classrooms and Office Renovation (in school)</p>
<p>2015</p>	<p>710 S 36th St. House moved Playground and parking were expanded</p> <p>Church courtyard drainage improvements and playground parking lot repairs were made.</p> <p>Thrift Store relocated (to make way for classrooms in the school)</p>
<p>2014</p>	<p>710 S 36th St. house purchased</p> <p>Master Plan was developed and Msgr. Joseph J Nemecek Building Fund established</p> <p>Purchase of 710 S 36th Street Convent renovation</p>
<p>2005</p>	<p>Purchase of 3501 Laura Avenue with intention of future use as a rectory</p>

The timeline begins well before 2014, our own success built upon the hard work and sacrifices of those parishioners who came before us, setting the foundation. Now we continue their momentum—continue our tradition—into the future!